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For: ANTI-HUMAN MEDULLASIN MONOCLONAL
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 29, 2000 the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent Abstract JP 11-151,085 (JP '085). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The Examiner cites JP '085 contending that the reference is anticipatory prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(a). However, this